



Course Superintendents Report January 2026

January has seen the arrival of some decent rainfall figures for a change; we have received a total of 156 millilitres from the 3rd of January – 20th of January beating the overall totals from September 1st – December 31st, 2025, which combined was 155 millilitres.

The irrigation rewire has recently been completed, and we are now fully operational which is a huge sigh of relief. It has been a huge effort by everyone involved and I can't thank my team enough for the extra workload that this project has created especially during this time of year. We can now focus more time and energy on maintaining the golf course and preparing it for the upcoming Pennant season and getting the greens ready for renovations which will commence straight after the last Pennant game on the 8th of March.

We have recently applied a growth regulator and fertiliser to all playing surfaces to slow the growth down after the rain and keep them looking their best. All other chemical applications are going out as scheduled on the greens to get them through the toughest part of the year and I feel we are in a good position at this point in time. I understand a lot of members would like the greens harder and faster but without being here everyday and experiencing what myself and my team experience daily and knowing all the facts it's not as easy as a lot of people make it out to be, there are so many different factors that come into play at this golf course such as nematodes, water salinity, traffic, environmental factors, staff levels, machinery etc. etc. and we have to be on our game everyday and continually watch and act when needed.

Good luck to the Major Pennant side for their upcoming season and I hope they can go back-to-back this year.

Peter Chard

Course Superintendent